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Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.

CAIRO-BERMUDA

For the second time in a week - a hint of hope today for the Middle East. Egyptian officials in Cairo - echoed remarks first made at the United Nations; they suggested that Egypt is now willing to negotiate with Israel through a go-between - the same as they did after their Nineteen-Forty Eight war.

NEW YORK

Finally news of a survey among the Kiwis - an organization of ex-airline stewardesses. The study showing a Kiwi divorce rate of only one in twenty-four - which is only about one-sixth the national average.

The reason is hard to say exactly. However, Kiwi President Sandra Gilmer observed today: "When you've lived with four roommates and catered to thousands of male strangers - it is very easy to live with and care for one man."